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SUBJ: ILO-63RD CONFERENCE-DAILY REPORT, EVENTS OF JUNE 15

REF: A) GENEVA 4812; B) GENEVA 4813

1. ARTICLE 17- (A) AFTER INTRODUCTION G-77 RESOLUTION (REFTELS)
COMMITTEE DECIDED CONTINUE DISCUSSION ARTICLE 17, TAKING UP
RESOLUTION JUNE 17. ILC PRESIDENT AMEDUME MET AT END OF MORNING
WITH REPS OF REGIONAL GROUPS, AT WHICH UK (SPEAKING FOR EC-9) AND
CANADA URGED DISCUSSING TEXT OF ARTICLE 17, AND RAISED SOME OB-
JECTIONS TO CONTENT OF RESOLUTION (ELIMINATE DEADLINES AND THREATS
OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE). MEETINGS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT
DAY, WITH SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO
CONSIDER TEXT. USREP HOROWITZ HOPES ARRANGE SMALL INFORMAL
MEETING JUNE 16 TO SEE IF GAP CAN BE BRIDGED, STARTING WITH AGREE-
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MENT THAT ARTICLE 17 CAN BE "BROKEN LOOSE" FROM OTHER STRUCTURE
CONSIDERATIONS. EC-9 GOVT REPS MET LATE ON JUNE 15, AGREED
TO MAINTAINING SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION BUT ASKED (THROUGH UK
AMB.) IF IN VIEW DIFFICULTIES ARTICLE 17 WAS ENCOUNTERING
WHETHER U.S. WOULD CONSIDER TRYING HAVE ILC ACCEPT EITHER A
RESOLUTION OR STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE ON ARTICLE 17, RATHER THAN
ACTUAL AMENDMENT. USREP GAVE FLAT "NO", AND UK AMB. THEN

REITERATED DECISION OF EC-9 TO SUPPORT U.S. CANADIAN GOVT REP
MAINWARING NOW TRYING DRAFT NEW TEXT (WHICH WOULD HAVE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL RATHER THAN GB OFFICERS WITHHOLD RESOLUTIONS)
TO BE CONSIDERED BY IMEC GROUP MORNING OF JUNE 16.

(B) DURING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION USSR REP OPPOSED CONSIDERING
MAINWARING TEXT BUT EGYPT AMB. SAID HE WAS WILLING TO LOOK AT IT.
HOWEVER, EGYPTIAN AMB. HAS BEEN DRAGGING HIS FEET ON IDEA OF
INFORMAL MEETINGS, SAYING HE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO SEEK AUTHORITY FROM
G-77.

USREP HAS ASKED SRI LANKAN AMB. DE ALWIS TO APPROACH EGYPTIAN
AMB. AND TRY TO GET HIM MOVING.

2. REOLUTIONS COMMITTEE-FINISHED FIRST RESOLUTION (TEXT SEPTTEL)
AND BEGINNING GENERAL DISCUSSION FO THIRD BEFORE ACCEPTING FINAL
TEXT OF SECOND. MIGHT REACH PANAMA RESOLUTION LATE SATURDAY
NIGHT.

3. WORKING ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT
INSTRUMENT.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE SOMMITTEE-LENGTHY DEBATE CENTERED ON RIGHT
TO STRIKE, ENDING IN REFERRING PROBLEM TO WORKING PARTY. WORKERS
GROUP HAS AGREED ON COMPROMISE BUT TEACTION OF EMPLOYERS AND GOVT
NOT YET KNOWN. COMMITTEE ALSO HAD LENGTHY DEBATE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BUT REACHED NO CONCLUSION. ILO OFFICE TEXT
PROBABLY WILL BE ACCEPTED. COMMITTEE HOPES FINISH WORK BY JUNE
16.

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5. PLENARY-(A) VOTED TO ACCEPT 1978-79 BUDGET (342 YES; 1 NO-
USSR; 52 ABSTENTIONS). USG ABSTAINED, US WORKER AND EMPLOYER
VOTED YES.

PLENARY HAD EARLIER ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT RECOMMENDING NOT TO GIVE VOTE TO HAITI, BACAUSE HAITI IS
IN ARREARS). (B) PORTUGUESE WORKER (COMMUNIST) SPEECH WAS
SO WILD (ON CONDITIONS IN PORTUGAL AND CHILE) THAT IMMEDIATE RIGHT
OF REPLY WAS EXERCISED BOTH BY PORTUGUESE GOVT REP AND ALSO
CHILEAN WORKER REP TO REBUT HIS ACCUSATIONS. (C) FOR SPEECH BY
EGYPTIAN AMB., STATING HIS INTERPRETATION OF BLANCHARD LETTER OF
JUNE 9 (THAT LETTER REVIVES 1974 ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION) SEE
SEPTTEL. (D) SPEECH OF U.S. WORKER IRVING BROWN ALSO TRANSMITTED
SEPTTEL.

6. COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS-(A) ISRAEL-MOROCCAN
GOVT REP MOVED TO HAVE COMMITTEE REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSING SUBJECT,
SUPPORTING USSR POSITION THAT COMMITTEE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO
DISCUSS BECAUSE ISRAEL HAS NO JURISDICTION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY
AND ALSO BECAUSE ISSUE OF WORKERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS

BEING

HANDLED ELSEWHERE IN ILO (APPARENTLY REFERRING TO BLANCHARD LETTER OF JUNE 9). DURING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION VARYING INTERPRETATIONS OF BLANCHARD LETTER WERE EXPRESSED. VOTE ON MOTION WAS 11,406 FOR, 20,493 ABSTENTIONS, LOSING FOR LACK OF QUORUM. MANY AFRICANS SPLIT FOR ARABS BY ABSTAINING. EGYPTIAN GOVT REP THEN SAID ARABS WOULD LEAVE COMMITTEE BUT RESERVED RIGHT TO RAISE QUESTION IN PLENARY; ARABS THEN WALKED OUT. EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS THEN PROPOSED THAT ISRAEL BE REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS WHICH SHOULD CONSIDER THE RESPONSE WHICH GOI HAD PROVIDED TO COE QUESTIONS, AND THIS PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED. COMMENT: QUESTION ARISES IF ARABS ARE NOW REPUDIATING THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE BLANCHARD LETTER WHICH STATED THAT AMONG OTHER MEASURES BEING TAKEN ON ISRAELI ISSUE WAS CONSIDERATION BY COE AND COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF STANDARDS. USDEL WILL TRY TO DETERMINE ARAB INTENTIONS AND ALSO WILL CONSULT WITH BLANCHARD. (B) USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA-DRAFT "SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS" WERE INITIALLY TOO WEAK TO BE
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ACCEPTABLE, BUT CZECH'S HAS NOW BEEN RE-WRITTEN. IF USSR'S REMAINS IN PRESENT WATERED-DOWN FORM, USDEL MAY MAKE STRONG INTERVENTION WHEN COMMITTEE MEETS TO ACCEPT REPORT.
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